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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: DEVELOPMENTS DURING FEBRUARY IN  
VENEZUELA

FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE ARA MONTHLY REPORT ON NARCOTICS  
CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR THE  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

A. DEA AGENTS CONTINUED SEVERAL IMPORTANT INVESTIGATIONS  
IN VENEZUELA, THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, AND ECUADOR.

B. THE TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ) OPENED ITS FOURTH  
REGIONAL NARCOTICS LABORATORY IN SAN CRISTOBAL, TACHIRA. TACHIRA  
IS A KEY AREA FOR THE ILLICIT IMPORTATION OF DRUGS FROM COLOMBIA.

C. THE CHIEF OF THE PTJ NARCOTICS RECORDS SECTION CONDUCTED  
A PTJ/NATIONAL GUARD FIVE-DAY TRAINING COURSE FOR 80 OFFICERS  
IN CARUPANO, SUCRE, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION ON ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES  
AND TECHNIQUES, AND A GROUP OF 20 OFFICERS ATTENDING A POLICE ADMIN-  
ISTRATION TRAINING COURSE IN PUERTO LA CRUZ RECEIVED 20 HOURS OF  
NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION.

D. THE CARACAS METROPOLITAN POLICE'S COMMITMENT TO  
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NARCOTICS CONTROL MEASURES WAS EVIDENCED BY LARGE MARIHUANA

SEIZURES DURING THE PRE-CARNIVAL PERIOD AND THEIR INTEREST IN MORE TRAINING IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.

E. THE PTJ AND NATIONAL GUARD CUSTOMS DIVISION HAVE REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A "SNIFFER" DOG PROGRAM.

F. FIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ATTENDED THE IPA POLICE MANAGEMENT WITHJ HLGFICS#ORIENTATION COURSE NO. 6 AND TWO PTJ CHEMISTS ATTENDED A DEA FORENSIC CHEMISTS SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON.

G. TECHNICAL ADVICE TO KEY OFFICIALS IN THE VENEZUELAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONCENTRATED ON THE NEED FOR AN INTER-ORGANIZATION NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION AND CENTRALIZATION OF NARCOTICS ARREST AND SEIZURE STATISTICS.

H. USIS PLACED AN IPS ARTICLE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COOPERATION IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS.  
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